

REMARKS

The Advisory Action mailed April 7, 2009, is noted. In this Advisory Action, the Examiner has indicated in Item 6 that amended claims 1, 2, 7-12, 14, 15, 17 and 18 would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed Amendment cancelling the non-allowable claim (i.e., claim 6). By the present amendments, Applicants have amended claims as in the Amendment After Final Rejection submitted March 24, 2009; and, additionally, have cancelled claim 6 without prejudice or disclaimer, and, in particular, without prejudice to the filing of a Divisional application directed to the subject matter thereof. Accordingly, in view of the indication by the Examiner in Item 6 of the aforementioned Advisory Action mailed April 7, 2009, the present amendments should be entered, and the remaining claims (claims 1, 2, 7-12, 14, 15, 17 and 18) should be allowed.

In connection with these allowed claims, in view of the indication by the Examiner in Item 6 of the Advisory Action mailed April 7, 2009, that, inter alia, claims 7-11 would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed Amendment, Applicants have changed the status identifier of claims 7-11 from "Withdrawn" to "Original", as these claims 7-11 have been indicated by the Examiner as being allowable (and thus not withdrawn), and original claims 7-11 have not been amended.

The Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to the Remarks from page 8, line 4, through page 16, line 6, of the Amendment After Final Rejection filed March 24, 2009, for reasons that all objections and rejections in the Office Action mailed November 24, 2008, have been overcome, insofar as applicable to the presently pending claims as amended herein. Specifically, the Remarks in this Amendment After Final Rejection filed March 24, 2009, from page 8, line 4, through

page 16, line 6, are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety, insofar as applicable to the claims presently in the application.

In view of all of the foregoing, and again emphasizing the indication by the Examiner in Item 6 of the Advisory Action mailed April 7, 2009, that claims 1, 2, 7-12, 14, 15, 17 and 18 as in the Amendment After Final Rejection filed March 24, 2009, would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed Amendment cancelling the non-allowable claim(s), entry of the present amendments, and reconsideration and allowance of all claims remaining in the above-identified application, are respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Kindly charge any shortage of fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including any extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (case 396.43509X00), and please credit any overpayments to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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